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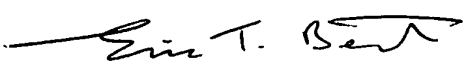

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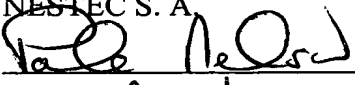
The undersigned assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified subject application hereby appoints Allan A. Fanucci (Reg. No. 30,256) and Daniel J. Hulseberg (Reg. No. 36,554) of WINSTON & STRAWN LLP (Customer No. 28765) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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An assignment of the entire interest in the above-identified subject application:

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